



**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

Welcome to St. James/Santiago Apóstol Lutheran Church

We're glad you're here! Our mission is to help you grow in your relationship with God and with all of God's people. Our worship services are designed to gather us as God's people, to hear God's Word, receive Jesus in bread and wine, and join us with God's people of all times and places. We pray that you will be blessed and encouraged by worshiping here. No matter who you are, God knows you and God loves you. If you are a visitor or guest, we warmly invite you to join our faith community. If you want to know more, please speak to our pastors or a member of our Steering Committee. Below is some information you may find helpful during and after worship.

Children and their families are vital to our life and ministry at St. James/Santiago Apóstol. Children are always welcome in worship. In the cry of a baby, or the fussiness of a toddler, we hear a new voice that speaks to God, reminding us that children are a blessing and a joy. If children ever need a break from worship, we have a nursery in the front hallway by the front doors.

Holy Communion. All God's children are welcome at the table of the Lord. God loves you, and welcomes you to the Lord's Supper, whether you are a new Christian, a returning one, or someone who is exploring who and what God might mean in your life. Please don't hesitate to come forward and share in the meal with us: there is room for everyone, especially for YOU.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. We serve it two ways, either by intinction or by individual cups. For Communion by intinction, you will receive a piece of bread or wafer, and dip the bread or wafer in a common cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white). Instead of dipping the bread, you also have the option to eat, and then drink from a common cup.

For individual cup Communion, you will receive a piece of bread to eat, and then choose a cup to drink containing wine (red) or grape juice (white). We offer the common cup as well. We also have gluten-free wafers for those with dietary restrictions. Children who do not yet commune and anyone who does not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire a blessing, please ask the pastor for one, or simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing instead of bread and wine. Please feel free to use the altar rail for prayer after receiving the blessing or Holy Communion.

Offerings. We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes ministry possible. The offering at this service will support St. James/Santiago Apóstol Lutheran Church and its outreach ministries in this neighborhood of Oak Forest/Garden Oaks/North Houston. A portion also goes to our national church body for mission and ministry around the world.

Restrooms are located in the front hallway by the front doors.

Learning Hour/Fellowship Time. During the time between our worship services, you are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, juice, hospitality and fellowship. We also offer Learning Groups for adults and children, so please ask anyone how to join a class or small group at any time.

If you ever need a Pastor, both Pastor Arthur (713.725.6760) and Vicar Aura (608.469.0692) prefer that you call them directly on their cell phones. If you know of someone who is scheduled for surgery or is in the hospital, please let us know. If there is an emergency, if you would like a pastoral visit at home, or if you simply have questions about life, faith, or getting more involved, calling us directly on our cell phones is always the best way to reach us.

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10:00 A.M.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting Nine
P = Presiding Minister, A = Assisting Minister, C = Congregation

GATHERING

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

The assembly stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy and merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.

P: Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of + Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of God's reign.

C: Amen.



ENTRANCE HYMN:

C:

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

CHORUS

MATT REDMAN and JONAS MYRIN



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,



wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul, I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

VERSE 1



1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing; It's time to sing Your song



a - gain. What - ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,

D.S.



let me be sing - ing when the ev - 'ning comes.

Bless the

2. You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Chorus x2

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

C:

ELWp.196

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

WORD

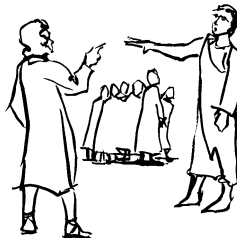
FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15–20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 111

C:



The fear of the LORD is the be - gin - ning of wis - dom.

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹ my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹ congregation.

**Great are your ¹ works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- ¹ light in them.**

Majesty and splendor ¹ mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- ¹ dures forever.

**You cause your wonders to ¹ be remembered;
you are gracious and full ¹ of compassion. R**

You give food to ¹ those who fear you,
remembering forev- ¹ er your covenant.

**You have shown your people the power ¹ of your works
in giving them the lands ¹ of the nations.**

The works of your hands are faithful- ¹ ness and justice;
all of your pre- ¹ cepts are sure.

**They stand fast forev- ¹ er and ever,
because they are done in ¹ truth and equity. R**

You sent redemption to your people
and commanded your cove- ¹ nant forever;
holy and awesome ¹ is your name.

**The fear of the LORD is the begin- ¹ ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.**

God's praise en- ¹ dures forever. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Paul is concerned about how some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable, believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause a sister or brother to sin.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and

many lords — yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The congregation sings the Gospel Acclamation during the Gospel Procession.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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C:



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21–28

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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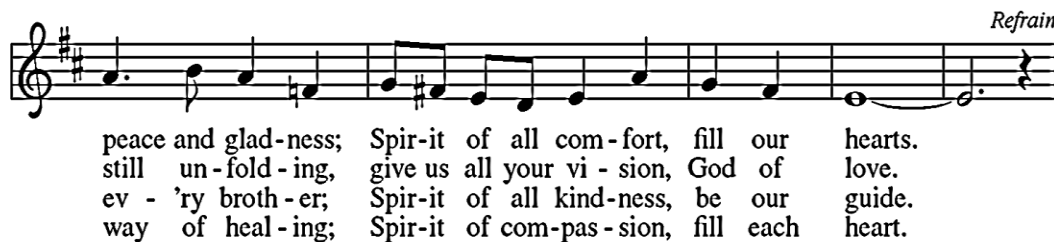
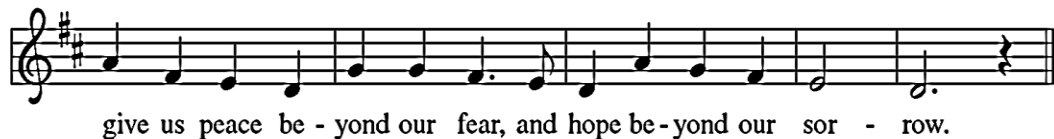
C:



Repeat alleluia

SERMON: *Pastor Arthur Murphy*

Healer of Our Every Ill



P: Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we have been baptized:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Called to know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Prophetic God, inspire your church to speak with authority and act with strength where the powers of evil are most oppressive and human hearts yearn for dignity and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Drive out the demons of greed and carelessness that wound creation through pollution and over use. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Send prophets of wisdom and courage to our nation. Move us beyond partisan divisions to a common search for liberty and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Healer of our every ill, bring hope and solace to those who struggle with depression. Set free those burdened by feelings of guilt, shame, and worthlessness. Visit the sick with your compassionate Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Strengthen the witness of preachers, teachers, and all who proclaim the gospel in the assembly and the witness of parish nurses, counselors, spiritual directors, and all who proclaim the gospel in their vocations. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Eternal God, the saints listened to your voice and you freed them to live and love for you. Open our ears to hear you and follow their example of faith and courage. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The ministers and the congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying
“Peace be with you.” After the peace is shared, the congregation sits.*

C:
When the Poor Ones
Cuando el pobre



1 Cuan-do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,
1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv - ing;
2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;
3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;
4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



cuan - do al - guien pa - sa sed ya - gua nos da,
when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;
when ex - pect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;

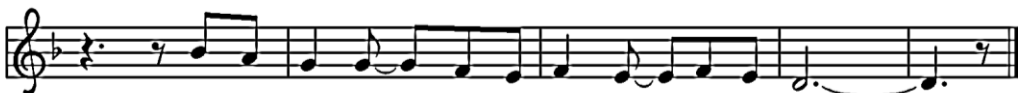


cuan-do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce:
when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing:
when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:
when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:
when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;
We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.
we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills we gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star, he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

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C:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread.



COMMUNION SONG:

ELW p. 201

C:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

As you return to your seats, please join in singing "I received the living God," which can be found at ELW#477.

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers for communion. All God's children are welcome at the table of the Lord. We serve communion two ways, either by intinction or by individual cups. For Communion by intinction, you will receive a piece of bread or wafer, and dip the bread or wafer in a common cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white). Instead of dipping the bread, you also have the option to eat, and then drink from a common cup. For individual cup Communion, you will receive a piece of bread to eat, and then choose a cup to drink containing wine (red) or grape juice (white). We offer the common cup as well. We also have gluten-free wafers for those with dietary restrictions. Children who do not yet commune and anyone who does not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Please stand.



C:

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

SENDING

BLESSING

P: God the Father, light-creator;
 God the Son, Light from Light;
 and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer;
 bless you and + give you peace.

C: Amen.



1 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - le - grí - a,
 2 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - la - ban - za
 1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet - ing,
 2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless - ing,



un cán - ti - co de a - mor al na - cer el nue - vo dí - a.
 que ex - pre - se nues - tro a - mor, nues - tra fe y nues - tra es - pe - ran - za.
 a song of grate - ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing:
 a song of grate - ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press - ing:



El hi - zo el cie - lo, el mar, el sol y las es - tre - llas
 En to - da la crea - ción pre - go - na su gran - de - za,
 you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen - dor;
 cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,



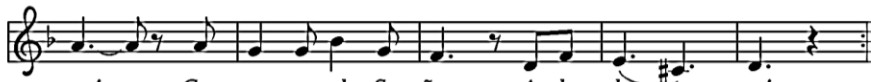
y vio en e - llos bon - dad, pues sus o - bras e - ran be - llas.
 a - sí nues - tro can - tar va a - nun - cian - do su be - lle - za.
 de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won - der.
 and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

Refrain / Estribillo

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! Can - te - mos al Se -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, sing to God a -



ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu -
 bove: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu -



ya! Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 ia! Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

Last time

Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
WELCOME, EVERYONE!

We welcome all our guests today. Please speak to the pastor if you have special concerns or wish to discuss becoming a member of this community by baptism, affirmation of baptism, or transfer of membership from another Christian congregation.

KEEP OUR FRIENDS & RELATIVES IN PRAYER

Sally Burgess	Linda Bernice Martinez
Charles Cernik	Patricia Nash
Orie Clark III	Louise Richter
Grady Green	Kelly Simmons
Pr. Fred de Oliveira	Kimberly Tessier
Charla Largent	Mic Tessier
John Largent	Ginger Wilber
Margaret "Candy" Largent	Phyllis Zendejas

STEWARDSHIP CORNER	
ATTENDANCE AVERAGE	
FIRST SERVICE	
AVERAGE TO DATE	29
Jan. 25, 2015	25
TOTAL To DATE	27
SECOND SERVICE	
AVERAGE TO DATE	23
Jan. 25, 2015	28
TOTAL To DATE	25
WORSHIP TOTAL:	52
PRAYER CIRCLE	
AVERAGE TO DATE	7
Jan. 28, 2015	5
AVERAGE TO DATE:	6
CONTRIBUTIONS	
TOTAL TO DATE	\$9,688.28
Jan. 25, 2015	\$1,595.83
Total to Date	\$11,284.11

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY

Presiding Minister	Pastor Arthur Murphy	Cantor	Leigh Tomlinson
Outreach Minister	Vicar Aura M. Suárez,	Organist	Sergei Savitski
Assisting Minister	Orie Clark III	Usher	Vicki Faulkner
Altar Care	Maria Grimsley	Teller	Steve Grimsley
Acolyte	Olivia Cardenas	Crucifer	Elyse King

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. – Consecration Sunday. On this Sunday we pledge our time, talents and treasures towards the ministries of St. James and the 2015 budget.

SUN., FEB. 8

11:00 A.M. – One all-church bilingual worship service. The Annual Congregational Meeting will immediately follow the worship service.

WED., FEB. 18

ASH WEDNESDAY
7:30 P.M. – LENTEN EVENING WORSHIP.

Contributions to the Souper Bowl of Caring may be put in the soup pot situated in the narthex throughout February. Checks should be made out to St. James but marked for the Souper Bowl. Proceeds will be divided between ELCA World Hunger and MANNA.



Please check out our new church website: www.stjames.ch



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